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Side wheel excursion steel hull, built in Midland, PA (hull), 1924, originally named CINCINNATI, she was sold to Streckfus Steamers, Inc., St. Louis in 1933. Received an entire new superstructure and came out July 4, 1934, as the best excursion boat on the rivers. 291.5' x 84' x 7.5'. Barnes compound non-condensing engies, 22's, 40's-9ft. Her six boilers were set down in the hold, oil burners. Allowed 3100 passengers. After she settled down as the full time excursion boat at New Orleans her guards were glass enclosed in 1944. Converted to diesel in 1978, powered by three Murrey & Tregurtha prop units (one on each side and one at the stern) delivering 2,000 HP. Capt. Verne Streckfus, has been manager-master so many years that but few persons remember when he wasn't. Sold, 1981, to New Orleans Steamboat Co. and continues to operate in 1998 as a gambling boat in Davenport.

RIGHT: The PRESIDENT being built on the hull of the CINCINNATI as St. Louis, MO, 1933.

BELOW: The PRESIDENT landing at the levee, Rock Island, IL, Circa 1940. Present location of Jumer's Casino Rock Island.